

# THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO



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### **Deputy Mayor Atkins Urges All Evacuees In San Diego County To Register With FEMA To Ensure Payment of Eligible Benefits**

SAN DIEGO -- In an effort to help Hurricane Katrina evacuees access benefits they may be eligible to receive from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Deputy Mayor Toni Atkins is asking all media outlets, social service agencies, places of worship and families and friends of evacuees here in San Diego to spread the word that evacuees need to be properly registered with FEMA.

"It is imperative that every evacuee here in San Diego County be registered and accounted for with FEMA so that if they are eligible for disaster relief benefits, they can receive them," said Atkins. "It is especially important for those who have driven to San Diego on their own, or arrived here by bus, train, or any other means not already in contact with the American Red Cross or FEMA. If you're not registered with FEMA, you may not be eligible for the benefits."

Evacuees can register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA.

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